

THE FIFTH AVE. HOTEL

Last of a Famous Hostelry and
Its Political Amen
Corner.

NEW YORK, April 4.—At midnight tonight the Fifth Avenue hotel, one of the most famous hostels of the city, ended its existence of half a century, but not until the old-timers had once more sat upon the plush-covered seat in the Amen Corner and once more breathed an acquiescent "amen" to the words of the "easy boss," whose political plans, there promulgated, gave the spot world renown.

In the old days "Tom" Platt was secretive. Tonight he confessed that the Amen Corner had "made and unmade presidents." Chauncey Depew spoke with caution when a part of the inner circle in days gone by. Tonight he fairly boasted that he had known governors "who thought they did things from the executive chamber, but they were done from the Amen Corner."

EASY BOSS WHEELED IN.

It was a jolly, half-sorrowful party that gathered to bid the old place good-by. After forty-nine years of life as a hotel, during half of which time it served as the headquarters of the Republican party of the state, the house is to be torn down to make way for a monster office building.

Brought to the entrance in a wheelchair, and further assisted by a friend on either side, Senator Platt tottered to the amen corner and again heard the shouts of "Platt, Platt, Platt." The aged senator was visibly affected, but managed to speak for some moments to the crowd that surged about him and which was kept from pressing too closely upon the sacred spot only by a cordon of police.

Senator Platt, in a voice that was uncertain at times, though his eyes flashed as keenly as ever, said:

"Any effort, the very slightest, to express what I feel at the thought of the removal of the historic landmark which was my home for all of thirty years, would compel me to take my seat in silence, so I must avoid that subject, and assume a cheerfulness which I have not."

CENTER OF REPUBLICANISM.

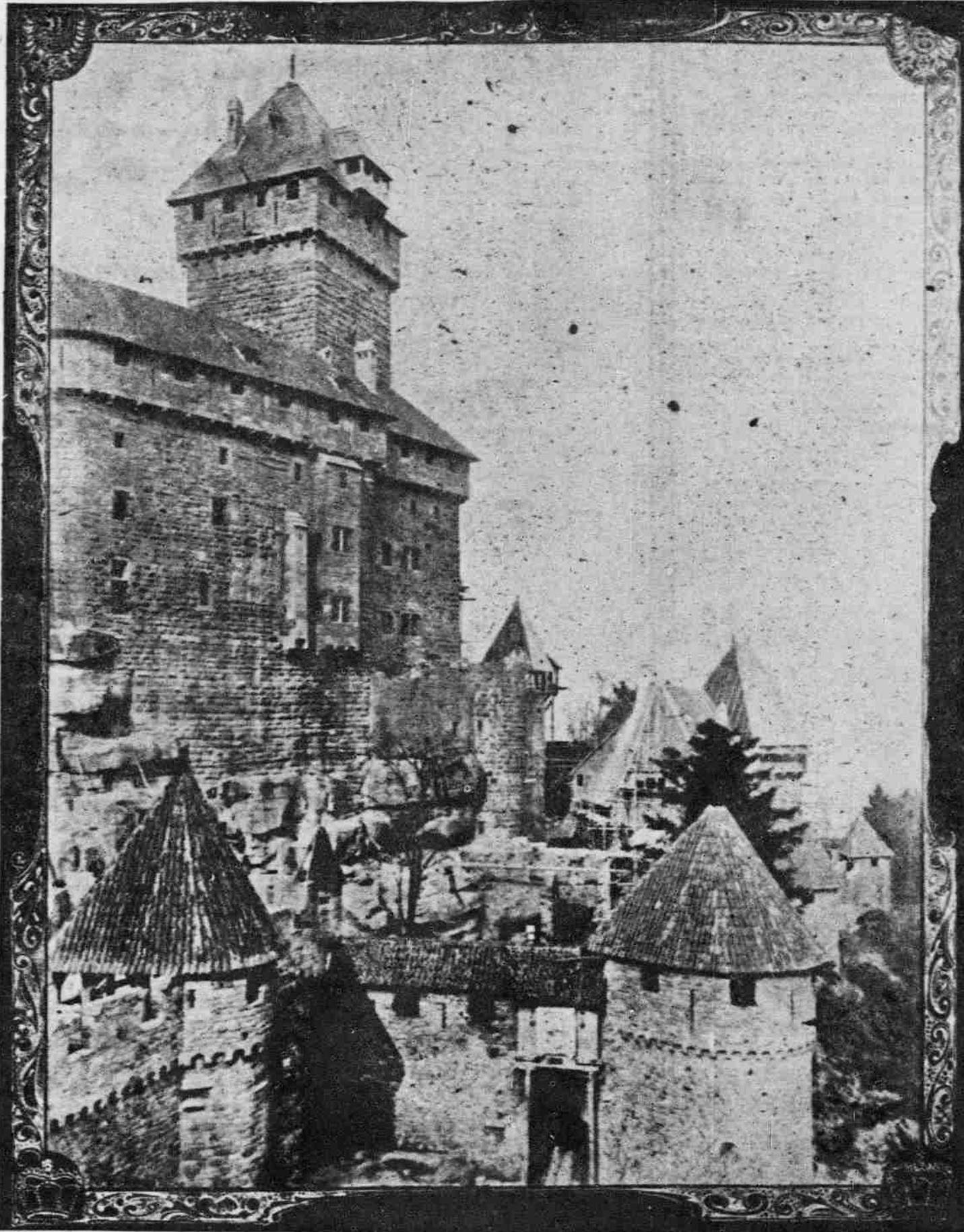
"This noble edifice, in its day one of the most imposing in our city, even now in its majestic simplicity is good to look at. The Fifth Avenue hotel has entertained in its day a larger number of the great men of the earth, whose plans for social and commercial enterprises and improvements were here matured and executed than has any other house in America, but perhaps its chief fame will remain in its long association with the Republican party. It is no idle boast to say that it was the judgment which collected in the Amen Corner and there threshed out the issues of the day, which for a period of many years directed the destinies of the state of New York, wrote its statutes and decreed all its important acts of government."

"I shall not take this time to consider whether the changes that have latterly occurred are reforms or otherwise. At all events nobody can take away from the Fifth Avenue hotel the fame that it for years enjoyed, and as the place where from every city and county in the state there came and met and conferred the best and strongest minds in the Republican party, and the place from which, when their combined judgment had been finally reached, there went the sentiment in accordance with which popular judgment was molded and put into effect."

MADE PRESIDENTS THERE.

"That sentiment, born, as I say, of the large experience and considerable judgment of the popular leaders who composed the Republican organization, and who habitually assembled here and from here dispersed throughout

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the state with a common purpose and a harmonious understanding, has made and unmade presidents and governors, has determined party platforms and policies both in the state and the nation, and has exercised a controlling influence upon affairs for a period of time within which the Republican party achieved its greatest successes, and the people of the state their largest measure of prosperity. That is a glory which will be associated with this spot for many years to come."

Then there were cries for "Chauncey," and Senator Depew stepped upon the historic bench.

"I have sat on this bench on and off for forty years. I have heard many great questions discussed as to what was the capital, and the capital has always been found in this corner. I know governors who thought they did things from the executive chamber, but they were done from the Amen Corner."

PLATT'S SEAT OF POWER.

"I know speakers who were looked up for the make-up of committees from the lower house of the legislature. They said they would consult with the members of their families in the rural regions, and I have found that the families they consulted were Senator Platt, in the Amen Corner."

"I have known conventions with 900 delegates who thought they would make up the state ticket, but they received their inspiration from the plush

seats in the Amen Corner. Many a man who sat on these benches thought he would be governor, and was glad to get the nomination for assembly. I speak from the venerableness of old age. Years don't count now. What counts is your condition."

"Historic memories like this should be preserved. I saw Blaine, Conkling Grant and Arthur sit here. I have seen this corner filled with men in uniforms, but at other times by men who wanted to be decorated with uniforms. I do not believe there will ever be a spot in the state or country where so much of influence and power will go out to make for history as the Amen Corner."

Timothy L. Woodruff, Edward Riggs and Louis Seibold, president of the Amen Corner, made short speeches.

"RUM, ROMANISM, REBELLION."

There was a time when the Fifth Avenue hotel was probably the best known stopping place on this side of the Atlantic. The Fifth Avenue took the place of the Astor house as the city's premier inn. Presidents were familiar sights in its lobby and distinguished foreign visitors a-plenty patronized it. From the balcony over the Broadway entrance the Prince of Wales, in the course of his momentous visit, reviewed the torchlight procession in his honor which passed below.

The last person to be assigned a room was Dr. Hayes A. Clement of Philadelphia, who registered at noon. The political history of New York and of America is closely identified with the old hotel. On the great plush settees in what has come to be known as the "amen corner," have sat most of the men who have been prominent in the political history of the country in the last half century.

There have sat Grant, Conkling, Arthur, Platt, Depew, in fact practically all of the men whose names are graven on the annals of the Republican party in New York. On the stairway in the corner James W. Blaine heard Dr. Burchard deliver the "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" speech, which cost him the presidency.

GUESTS OF FORTY YEARS.

Every corner of the old building, every room, is peopled with the ghosts of the famous men who have been known there during the time the hotel has been in existence. The old guests, many of them having spent thirty and forty years under its hospitable roof, have left for new homes, and the old servants, dozens of whom have been in the hotel for more than a quarter of a century, have secured new places or have arranged to retire altogether from labor.

For days hundreds of people visited the hotel to have a last look at the old familiar places. Among them have been white-haired couples whose honeymoons, many years ago, were spent in the hotel, and others whose daily walks have taken them through its corridors. Yesterday an old woman took her middle-aged son into the hotel to show him the room in which he was born.

HUNDREDS HUNT SOUVENIRS.

Hundreds of people have asked for souvenirs of the old hotel, the plush covered benches in the corridors, the great armchairs in the barroom, the clocks, the mantels, even the tiles of the floor. A score of offers have been made for the stairstep on which Blaine stood to hear the Burchard speech.

At the same time that the Fifth Avenue closed its doors, those of the old Sinclair House at Broadway and Eighth street were locked for the first

time since 1840. This hotel also gives place to a modern office building. In 1863 the hotel was purchased by A. L. Ashman, and it is still being conducted by his widow. In other days it was a favorite resort of "Sam" Ward, Horace Greeley, William Cullen Bryant, Marlon Crawford and many other literary men of that time.

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That any person in good health between the age of one and sixty years may become a member of the association in class A, on payment of \$3.00 membership fee.

That children in good health between the age of one and ten years may become a member in class B, on payment of \$1.50.

This to apply only to the City of Honolulu and Island of Oahu. And let it be further, Resolved: That any member who is in good health, and is delinquent on any assessment, if said assessment is paid during the month of May and June, 1908, all penalties will be waived.

W. W. HALL, President.
J. H. TOWNSEND, Secy.
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DON'T PAY FOR DOCTORS' NONSENSE

When you pay a doctor for a drug prescription you pay for a lot of nonsense. That prescription may be an order for ten cents' worth of dope, yet you are none the wiser, and the druggist charges a dollar for it just because the order is written in dog latin. The reason for all this prescription nonsense is clear. You don't know what you are getting, and the druggist can charge as much as he likes. He then divides his profit with the doctor.

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